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<b>INVENTOR:</b> <b>Richard L. Watson</b>	§ EXAMINER: to be assigned
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<b>TITLE:</b> <b>BELTLESS FIBER OPTIC LABOR CONTRACTION SENSING DEVICE</b>	§ GROUP ART UNIT: <b>3736</b>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to action on the enclosed application, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/757,733, filed January 10, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement formal drawings is attached following page 7 of this paper.